

IWOA Board Minutes

Jan 6, 2016

Friendship Village Waterloo Iowa

Present: Al Wagner, Chuck Semler, Dave Bartemes, Ann Schneckloth, Tom Brady, Paul Millice , Robert Jefferson, Kevin Karr, Tom Brady, Al Rathje.

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Treasurer Sherri Sission

President Semler called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Minutes of Oct regular board meeting were reviewed; motion to approve by Ann and second by Rathje; approved.

Treasures Report; Motion by Millice and second by Bartemes to approve, approved.

Liaison Report Bartemes

1. We know we are looking at a difficult year. We were successful at getting a line item appropriation of \$500,000 for the Healthy Woodlands Initiative. This upcoming year the proposal will be for \$3 million and hope for \$2 million, but get line item vetoed by Governor. Since 2008 the funding for the Division of Forestry has been cut by 45%. We all need to advocate for increased funding.

2. Another big issue is the State Tree Nursery, which is supposed to be a break even proposition and in fact they are losing ½ million a year. Rules committee needs to increase price to reflect production costs. The State Forest Nursery was established in 1937 and is using the best local genetic seed sources for Iowa. We the tree Nursery regardless where how the Des Moines waterworks law suit goes.

3. Dave has 10,000 names who have utilized the Forestry Division in the last ten years. There will be a legislator asking for 100 foot buffers on all waterways modeled after the Minnesota law.

Potential member study Kevin Karr; He presented a sample flyer to be mailed to Forest Reserve Landowners, touting benefits of IWOA membership. He requested input from the board.

Spring Field Day Date is April 23 2016 SW of Iowa City at the Weber's registration 9am-9:30 am. Topics include managing forest gully erosion, Managing weeds and fish in ponds, Timber stand improvement practices (weed tree, prescribed fire, etc, as well as Spring ephemeral plan ID

Iowa State Tree catalog Kevin Karr; Kevin is working a proposal to place smart phone tags on trees at the Iowa State Fair grounds. To allow someone to scan the id on the tree and find species identification of that tree through the IWOA website.

Iowa Environmental Council, there was a request for \$100. Motion by Bartemes and seconded by Ann. Motion did not pass.

Timber Talk In Oct the Board set April 1st, Aug 1st and Dec 15th for publishing dates with news items due two weeks prior. It was suggested that we publish in each Timber Talks the news item deadline for the next issue, Paul to follow up with Steve. Additionally the status of the Dec issue was questioned Paul to follow up.

Window stickers, these will be passed out at field days and included in our annual ballot mailing. A different style will be considered in next printing

Next meeting March 23 at State Capitol 1200 hrs

Iowa DNR Trees For Kids Program; Motion by Millice and second by Bartemes to authorize \$250 for this program. Would like pictures for Timber Talk and local press releases. Millice to follow up with DNR.

Contributing Members there was discussion about recognizing these folks.

Comp Members, we need to get list of these and review.

Motion by Bartemes to adjourn. 11:40 am

Paul Millice IWOA Sec.